



Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

12 VAC 5-481 – Virginia Radiation Protection Regulations
Department of Health
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Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) proposes to amend these regulations to reflect orders issued by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). All proposed changes reflect current federal rules.

Result of Analysis

The benefits likely exceed the costs for all proposed changes.

Estimated Economic Impact

VDH anticipates entering into an agreement with the NRC for assuming regulatory authority of NRC's licensees located in Virginia during 2009. VDH is required to implement federal regulations and orders applicable to this regulatory activity. Since adding the proposed language will in effect not change any requirements, the proposal will not produce any costs. Having the rules in the regulations will help provide clarity for the public and licensees. Thus, the benefits exceed the costs.

Businesses and Entities Affected

The proposed amendments affect the 25 radioactive material licensees in the Commonwealth. About 12 qualify as small businesses.¹

Localities Particularly Affected

The locations of licensees are not public information.

¹ Data source: Virginia Department of Health

Projected Impact on Employment

The proposed amendments do not significantly affect particular localities.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

The proposed amendments do not significantly affect the use and value of private property.

Small Businesses: Costs and Other Effects

The proposed amendments are unlikely to significantly affect small businesses.

Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact

The proposed amendments are unlikely to significantly affect small businesses.

Real Estate Development Costs

The proposed amendments are unlikely to significantly affect real estate development costs.

Legal Mandate

The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with Section 2.2-4007.04 of the Administrative Process Act and Executive Order Number 36 (06). Section 2.2-4007.04 requires that such economic impact analyses include, but need not be limited to, the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the regulation would apply, the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected, the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected, the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and the impact on the use and value of private property. Further, if the proposed regulation has adverse effect on small businesses, Section 2.2-4007.04 requires that such economic impact analyses include (i) an identification and estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the regulation; (ii) the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for small businesses to comply with the regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparing required reports and other documents; (iii) a statement of the probable effect of the regulation on affected small businesses; and (iv) a description of any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the

regulation. The analysis presented above represents DPB's best estimate of these economic impacts.